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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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BILL NUMBER: SB 431

DATE PREPARED: Mar 2, 2001

BILL AMENDED: Mar 1, 2001

SUBJECT: Sharing of Dental Care Information.

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FUNDS AFFECTED: X

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IMPACT: State

Summary of Legislation: (Amended) This bill requires each county Office of Family and Children to provide to specified entities a list of dentists in the county who participate in the Medicaid Hoosier Healthwise Program. The bill requires the Division of Family and Children to collaborate with the Office of Medicaid Policy and Planning and the State Department of Health to establish programs that facilitate children's access to oral health services. The bill defines "mobile dentist". It requires a mobile dentist to be licensed. The bill also requires a mobile dentist who provides dental services to a child to: (1) refer the child to a licensed dentist with a dental office in the county in which the treatment took place or an adjoining county if the child does not have a dentist of record; (2) forward the child's diagnostic and treatment records to the child's dentist of record or the dentist to whom the mobile dentist refers the child; (3) inform the child's parent that the mobile dentist's treatment of the child is not comprehensive dental care and that the treatment may affect certain benefits for which the child is eligible; and (4) provide the parent of a child treated by the mobile dentist with a telephone number that the parent may call 24 hours per day to determine how to access emergency dental care. The bill also requires the Office of Medicaid Policy and Planning to encourage the parent of a child enrolled in the Hoosier Healthwise Program to select a primary dental provider for the child before the child is 18 months old.

Effective Date: July 1, 2001.

Explanation of State Expenditures: (Revised) The bill requires the Office of Medicaid Policy and Planning (OMPP) to provide each county Office of Family and Children with a list of dentists practicing in the county who provide services to Medicaid or CHIP-eligible children. The local Office of Family and Children is required to provide this list to local children's services providers such as Maternal and Child Health Clinics, school nurses, and licensed child care centers. The Hoosier Healthwise Helpline (1-800-889-9949) and the Indiana Family Helpline (1-800-433-0746) run by the Department of Health both maintain current comprehensive lists of the Indiana Health Coverage Program enrolled dental providers in each county. If the county Offices of Family and Children were required to distribute this provider listing, the information would be out of date quickly since the Indiana Health Coverage Programs enrolls and disenrolls providers daily.

The provision of paper lists that are quickly out of date to all the required entities would lead to higher copying, distribution, and other administrative costs. The extent of the increased distribution and copying costs would be dependent on the number of providers that the county offices distributed the lists to and the frequency of the distributions.

The bill requires the Division, the Office of Medicaid Policy and Planning, and the State Department of Health to collaborate to establish programs that facilitate children's access to oral health services. The bill also encourages the Office of Medicaid Policy and Planning to encourage parents of children enrolled in Medicaid and CHIP to select a primary dental care provider for the child before the child is 18 months of age. The manner in which OMPP decides to implement the latter provision will determine the cost.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

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State Agencies Affected: Family and Social Services Administration, Office of Medicaid Policy and Planning, Division of Family and Children, Indiana State Department of Health.

Local Agencies Affected:

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